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STATE OF RHODE ISLAND

IN GENERAL ASSEMBLY

JANUARY SESSION, A.D. 2013

J O I N T R E S O L U T I O N

**COMMEMORATING THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF TRINITY
REPERTORY COMPANY**

Introduced By: Representatives Blazejewski, Fox, Newberry, Shekarchi, and Mattiello

Date Introduced: June 04, 2013

Referred To: House read and passed

1 WHEREAS, Recognizing the important relationship among the arts, our quality of life,
2 and a thriving state economy is an essential element in humanity's vast effort to develop and
3 expand our culture for future generations; and

4 WHEREAS, Fifty years ago on March 21st of 1963, a group of forward-thinking
5 individuals in our state founded a nonprofit regional theater, "The Foundation for Repertory
6 Theater of Rhode Island, Inc.," now known as the Trinity Repertory Company or Trinity Rep, on
7 the premise of "local art by local artists for local audiences"; and

8 WHEREAS, While long-recognized locally as a theatrical treasure, Trinity Rep's stellar
9 reputation has spread far beyond Rhode Island's borders, earning it the distinction of being one of
10 the most highly-respected regional theaters in the country; and

11 WHEREAS, Over the ensuing years since its founding, Trinity Rep has not only become
12 a creative and socially important setting for theater and the arts, but has also produced significant
13 and ongoing economic benefits to our state; and

14 WHEREAS, Trinity Rep presents a balance of world premiere, contemporary, and classic
15 work and is an educational resource for tens of thousands of Rhode Island's students each year.
16 In addition, it is a cultural leader and incubator for other local theater companies, as well as a
17 material resource for the production of theater across the state; and

18 WHEREAS, As Oscar Wilde eloquently stated, "I regard the theatre as the greatest of all
19 art forms, the most immediate way in which a human being can share with another the sense of

1 what it is to be a human being"; now, therefore be it

2 RESOLVED, That this General Assembly of the State of Rhode Island and Providence
3 Plantations hereby commemorates the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Trinity Repertory
4 Company and congratulates and applauds the management, staff, actors, artists, and loyal fans
5 who have made Trinity Rep a must-see Rhode Island destination for the past five decades; and be
6 it further

7 RESOLVED, That this Assembly hereby declares Trinity Repertory Company to be the
8 State Theater of Rhode Island and encourages all the people of the state to patronize and enjoy
9 the talents, diversity, and enchantment of an evening or matinee at Trinity Rep; and be it further

10 RESOLVED, That the Secretary of State be and hereby is authorized and directed to
11 transmit a duly certified copy of this resolution to the Trinity Repertory Company.

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